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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, IO, UK, FR

SUBJECT: PORT CALLS AT DIEGO GARCIA

REF: PARIS 09234

1. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN DEPT AND DOD DECISION ON PORT CALL BY FRENCH NAVAL VESSEL AT DIEGO GARCIA AS WELL AS GENERAL POLICY ON SUCH CALLS.

2. WE CAN SEE SOME ADVANTAGES IN OUR QUIETLY PASSING WORD TO INDIAN NAVY THROUGH DAO NAVAL ATTACHE THAT USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY INDIAN NAVAL SHIP TO CALL AT DIEGO GARCIA AT TIME TO BE MUTUALLY ARRANGED. OFFER WOULD, WE BELIEVE, STRONGLY TEMPT INDIAN NAVY; WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR ARGUMENTS TO GOI THAT "WE HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE" IN TERMS FACILITIES ON THE ATOLL; AND, IF ACCEPTED, WOULD IMPLICITLY CONVEY GOI ACCEPTANCE OF LEGITIMACY OF US PRESENCE ON ISLAND. IF THE INDIAN CHOOSE NOT TO PICK UP OUR OFFER, WE DON'T SEE HOW WE WOULD BE ANY THE WORSE OFF.

3. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSED JOURNALISTS' TRIP TO DIEGO GARCIA. WE'RE NOT PRESSING FOR THE TRIP, MIND YOU, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE AN UPDATING ON CURRENT PLANNING.

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